

QUEST TEAM NEWSLETTER

Term 1 - 2018

Term 1 Curriculum

Literacy- Our focus in writing for the first half of the term will be personal expressive narrative. Through this we will be drawing upon our own experiences to support creative pieces of writing. Our reading programme will integrate within this as well as other learning areas.

Maths - At the beginning of the term, we will be covering Probability through our Strand Maths while Addition and Subtraction will be the focus in Number.

Inquiry - Through Inquiry we will look to find out about ourselves and our peers as learners. This will include looking deeper into our Clearview Competencies and the meaning behind each of these.

PE - Our P.E. will be covered throughout the majority of the term by gymnastics. Towards the end of the term we will begin our training for Cross Country. We will also look at completing daily fitness sessions within our zones.

A warm Quest welcome to 2018. Welcome back to those of you who were with us last year, and a special welcome to new members of Quest! We are looking forward to getting to know all of the Quest students and you all over the next few weeks.

This year we have increased to 8 homebases. We are also lucky enough to welcome some new faces to our teaching team. We have named our teams various New Zealand landmarks. Please take your time to read through the newsletter as it details all the interesting things we are doing this term.

We are looking forward to 2018!

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Woodend Camp 2018

This year our camp will be in Week 8 in Term 1. As we have 8 Homebases the camp will be split in half.

Homebases 30-33 will attend from the 19th to the 21st of March and Homebases 34-37 will attend from the 21st to the 23rd March. We hope to have the cost for this finalised as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on your emails for updates.



Swimming Sports 2018

Due to the large number of students in both the Quest and Challenge Teams, we will be holding separate swimming events this year. This will give us and you more room within the complex to view! The Quest Swimming Sports will be held in Week 5 on the 27th of Feb. You and your child will need to complete the Google Form by clicking this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/UheZl47pPPJ8Qsu52>

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More information to come!!

Seesaw

This year we will be using Seesaw across the team to share our learning as well as communicate with our parents. At some stage soon you will receive an email detailing how to sign up to your child's class. All of the students' posts are approved by the homebase teacher prior to being posted which makes it a safe and secure way to share our learning. For those students who will be taking their own device to school, it would be most helpful if they can download the Seesaw app.

Please see your child's homebase teacher if you have any questions.

Home Learning

The Quest Team will continue to complete home learning as another way to promote student ownership of their learning and develop oral language skills. Information regarding this will be glued into your child's Home Learning book and sent home by early week two. One minor change that we have made is that students will only be encouraged to complete and present two challenges per year. This will mean that your child may not present in term one. If they would still like to complete a challenge then they will be able to present to a small peer group in an available slot.

TERM 4 UPCOMING DATES

Week 1

Mihi Whakatau - Friday 2nd Feb, 10:30am

Week 2

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6th February

Week 3

Gymnastics Begins - Monday ONLY
Goal Setting Meetings - Tues/Weds

Week 4

Gymnastics - Monday ONLY

Week 5

Gymnastics - Monday ONLY
Quest Swimming Sports - Tuesday 27th Feb

Week 6

Gymnastics - Monday ONLY

Week 7

Gymnastics - Monday ONLY

Week 8

Quest Woodend Camp - 19th March - 23rd March
Clearview Fete - 25th March

Week 9

Good Friday

Week 10

Easter Monday/Tuesday Holidays

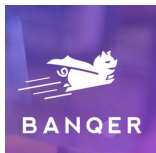
Week 11

Last day of the term - Friday 13th April

Banqer

Throughout the year we will be using Banqer as a way for students to understand various aspects of financial literacy. Students will be able to earn money and choose to save it up or spend it on various things. Each zone may use the programme slightly differently so please see your child's homebase teacher if you have any questions. See the link below for more information.

<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/banqer/resources/BANQER-letter-to-parents-from-banqer.pdf>



Gymnastics

This year the school will be once again involved in gymnastics at Olympia Gymnastics Sports in Wigram Park, Hornby. The Quest Team will attend each Monday from Week 3 through to Week 9 (excluding camp week).

There will be a charge to cover the bus costs as well as the attendance of the sessions. This is to be around \$65 TBC. Please contact your child's teacher if there are any issues with payment.



ICT & BYOD

This year a Digital Contract will be sent out via email for parents and caregivers to fill in. Once completed your child will be able to use the school's devices. There will also be a separate form for students to fill out with their parents. This relates to those students who will be using BYOD.



BYOD will be an integral part of our programme again this year. We use the Google Suite regularly as well as Google Classroom, and it would be great if these apps could be added to your child's device.

Goal Setting Meetings

Once again the school will be carrying these out in Week 3 on Tuesday and Wednesday. It would be great to see everyone attend where possible. More information to come!



Clearview App

The Quest Team will send out alerts via this app. Search Clearview Primary School in the App Store (Iphone) or Playstore (Android). If you have used this in previous years please ensure you are following the Quest Team so you receive our alerts.



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